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No.2369.

SHANGHAI, 18th August 1938.



Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of August 17, 1938, No.I.O.8847, concerning Adolpho CARPI and to thank you for the information contained therein.

~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ In view of the suspicious activities of this person, I should feel greatly obliged to you for being informed from time to time concerning his movements in the Far East.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

  
Consul.

T.Robertson, Esquire,  
Deputy Commissioner, Special Branch,  
Shanghai Municipal Police,  
SHANGHAI.

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Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter No.2232 dated August 1, 1938, and in reply to inform you that since 1934 no new facts have been discovered that would in any way confirm previous suspicions that Adolpho CARPI was engaged in activities of a political nature. He is, however, still regarded with suspicion by certain responsible circles as being in some way, at present not clear, connected with the smuggling of narcotics. No specific instance has come to light which would indicate the exact type of activities in which he is engaged.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Deputy Commissioner  
(Special Branch)

J. Van den Berg, Esq.,

Netherlands Consulate-General,

Shanghai.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No. ....

Section 1, Special Br. *Sid 794, 8847*

REPORT

Date August 16, 1938.

Subject (in full) Adolpho CARPI - Communication dated August 1, 1938 from  
Netherlands Consulate-General.

Made by D. S. Pitts

Forwarded by *W. Logan 20.50*

Since 1934 no new facts have been unearthed that would in any way confirm previous suspicions that Adolpho CARPI was engaged in activities of a political nature. On the other hand, however, he is still regarded with suspicion by certain responsible circles as being in some way, at present not clear, connected with the smuggling of narcotics. No specific instance has as yet come to light, however, which would indicate the exact type of activities in which he is engaged.

*D. S. Pitts*  
D. S.

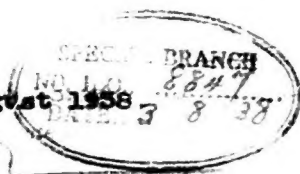
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D.C. (Special Branch)

CONSULAAT-GENERAAL DER NEDERLANDEN  
VOOR MIDDEN-CHINA.  
TEL. AD. HOLLANDIA.

No. 2232.

SHANGHAI.

1st August 1938



Sir,

With reference to your report of July 27, 1938, concerning the movements of Adolpho Carpi, Italian impressario, I have the honour to inform you that I should feel greatly obliged to you for letting me know whether since February 1934, when the last report on Carpi's activities was received by this Consulate General, new facts have come to light which confirms the suspicion that this person is involved in the smuggling of arms and narcotics and in communistic activities.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*Accuratus*  
Consul.

T. Robertson, Esquire,  
Deputy Commissioner, Special Branch,  
Shanghai Municipal Police,

SHANGHAI.

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F. A. to D. C. (Sp. Br.)

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No. 347

C.S.6, Special Branch, ~~Section~~

REPORT

Date July 27, 1938.

Subject (in full) Adolpho CARPI - arrival in Shanghai.

Made by D.S. Hoeking

Forwarded by Inspector E. Papp

Adolpho CARPI, Italian impressario, aged 59, who was made the subject of Special Branch enquiries, being suspected of arms and narcotics smuggling and Communistic activities - I.O. 8847 and I.O.9412 - arrived in Shanghai from Hongkong on July 22, 1938 aboard the M/S "Felix Roussell".

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D. S.

D.C. (Special Branch).

*Copy sent to Mr. Van den Berg*

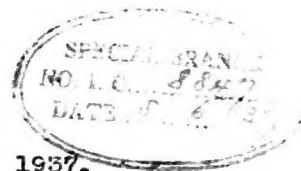
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CONSULAAT-GENERAAL DER NEDERLANDEN  
VOOR MIDDEN-CHINA.  
TEL. AD. HOLLANDIA.

No.1825.

SHANGHAI,

4th June 1937.



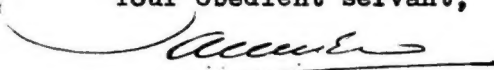
Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of June 3, 1937 No.I.O.8847, regarding Adolfo Carpi and to thank you for the information contained therein.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

  
Consul.

Major K.M. Bourne,  
Officer i/c Special Branch,  
Shanghai Municipal Police,  
SHANGHAI.



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Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that  
Adolfo Carpi, Italian, returned to Shanghai on  
May 27, 1937, on the s.s. "President Grant" from  
Manila. He is now residing at the Palace Hotel.  
He is in possession of Italian Passport No.108693  
issued in Hongkong on June 27, 1936.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sd) K. M. Bourne.

Deputy Commissioner  
(Special Branch)

J. Van den Berg, Esq.,

Netherlands Consulate-General,

Shanghai.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No. ....

Special Branch - GSG Station,

REPORT

Date June 2, 1937.

Subject Adolfo CARPI - Movements of.

Made by D.S. Pitts.

Forwarded by H. Medvedeff, D.S.

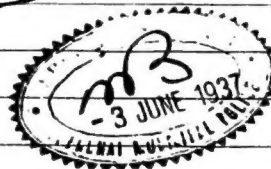
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*Ja Pitts*

D.C. (Special Branch).

D.S.

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CONSULAAT - GENERAAL DER NEDERLANDEN  
VOOR MIDDEN-CHINA.

No. 642.

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C. I. D. REGISTRY
No. I. O. 8847
Date... 1.5.34
SHANGHAI, 28 Feb. 1934.

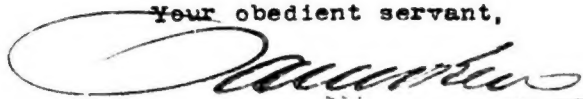
Sir,

I wish to acknowledge the redeipt of  
your letter of the 26th inst., No. I. O. 8847,  
regarding Adolfo Carpi, and to thank you  
for the information contained therein.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

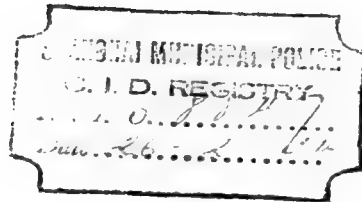


Chinese Secretary.

T. P. Givens, Esquire,

Officer i/c Special Branch,  
Shanghai Municipal Police,  
SHANGHAI.





February 26 34.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February 23 to Mr. Robertson and to forward herewith for your information a copy of a report which elucidates the point raised by you in connection with Adolfo Carpi.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "M. S." or similar, written over the typed name.

Officer i/c Special Branch.

J. Van den Berg, Esq.,

Netherlands Consulate-General,

Shanghai.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

S.2, Special

Date February 26, 1934.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
File No.
C. I. D. REGISTRY
No. I. O. 884
Branch 2/30002 - 34

Subject (in full) ..... Adolfo Carpi.

Made by ..... D.S. Sansom

Forwarded by

*D. S. Sansom*

With reference to the letter, dated February 23, 1934, of the Netherlands Consulate-General regarding the flat at No. 1 Canton Road, said to have been occupied by Carpi and his wife, Azzarette, and Dr. K. Noll, the following is an elucidation of the point in question :-

Carpi rented unfurnished, Flat C, Union Building, 1 Canton Road, at \$275 per month. The flat consisted of six rooms, two of which were sub-let to Dr. Noll and used by him as consultation offices. Access to these two rooms may be gained through a separate entrance.

*D. S. Sansom*

D. S.

Officer i/c Special Branch.

*File*  
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*Ja. van der Beeck.*  
CONSULAAT - GENERAAL DER NEDERLANDEN  
VOOR MIDDEN-CHINA.

SHANGHAI, 22-2-'34

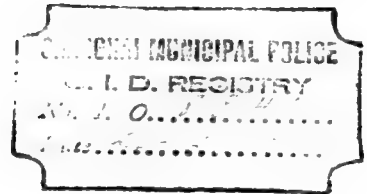
Dear Mr. Robertson

There is one point which is  
not very clear to me in the memorandum  
in Carpi, sent with your letter of 14/2-'34  
i.e. 1947, namely as to the flat sup-  
posed to have been occupied by Carpi,  
Ariaretti, Dr. Voll and Rev. Carpi.

I know Dr. Voll used to have an  
office in Canton Road. He has an office  
now in 110 Kiehuan Road, but this  
is only used by Dr. Sundblad, his  
Norwegian colleague, who treats most  
of the Norwegian sailors here.

Dr. Voll, being very busy doctor,  
I have occasion to visit his office  
at Canton Road, but ~~I have never~~  
in my opinion it would be too small  
to accommodate 4 persons. Besides that  
Dr. Voll, since his return from Europe  
with whom he accompanied many Chinese  
all the time, has, as far as I know

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February 19 34.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter No.404 of February 7, and in reply to forward herewith for your information a copy of an amended Memorandum on Adolfo Carpi.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

**Your obedient servant,**

HR

Officer i/e Special Branch.

**J. Van den Berg, Esq.,**

**Netherlands Consulate-General,**

**Shanghai.**

MEMORANDUM ON ADOLFO CARPI.

Mr. Adolfo Carpi, Italian Impresario, has organized many operatic and revue companies with which he has toured the Far East on various occasions since 1923.

During 1929/30 he shared an apartment at 1 Canton Road with M.A. Lourie Ettingoff, an enthusiastic Soviet worker, but enquiries failed to establish the existence between them of any relations of a political character. Previously, the French Police, acting on the instructions of the Italian Consul, effected a search of Carpi's residence but were unable to unearth any evidence on which to substantiate the suspicion that he was operating as a Soviet agent.

In June 1932, it was learned that Carpi and Francesco Contini, another Italian, were living up to a standard of people drawing \$1,000.00 per month and making frequent trips to other parts of the Far East, though neither of them had done any legitimate work for about 3 years. It was further learned that Contini, who arrived in Shanghai during 1926 as a chorus singer in an opera company under the management of Carpi, had visited Italy during 1932 and there came under suspicion of being connected with the III International.

The movements of these two persons were closely checked during June 1932, and it became strongly suspected that their efforts in the operatic and revue world served as cloaks for purposes identified with the smuggling of arms and drugs. This suspicion remains unconfirmed.

Carpi last staged an opera locally during October 1932, when the gross takings barely covered the expenses incurred. At that time he remained in residence at 1 Canton Road where he shared a flat with U. Amaretti, manager of Venturi, provision and wine merchant, 116 Szechuen Road, Dr. Kurt Hell and his (Carpi's) wife. This flat was vacated by the party during August 1933, when Carpi left Shanghai, presumably en route for Singapore. His wife remained in Shanghai and

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obtained employment at Dr. K. Noll's Hospital on Avenue Joffre, and it is confirmed that she has definitely severed her connections with Carpi.

Carpi and his operatic troupe returned to Shanghai from Singapore on February 3, 1934 after having been refused a visa for admission into Netherlands India.

Centini was last heard of in August 1933, when he vacated his apartment at 690 Avenue Road (which he rented and used in addition to sharing a flat at 1 Canton Road) for an unknown destination.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

REPORT

S.2, Special Branch

Date February 19, 1934

Subject (in full) Adolfo Carpi - enquiry from the Netherlands Consulate.

Made by D.S. Sansom

Forwarded by R. I. Gueset

With reference to the attached letter, dated January 7, 1934, received from the Netherlands Consulate, I have to report that A. Carpi and his operatic troupe returned to Shanghai from Singapore on February 3, 1934.

It appears that the Netherlands Consul-General is under the impression that Carpi severed his connections with Shanghai during 1931, but as this impression is incorrect a memorandum bearing on the subject is appended hereto.

D. S.

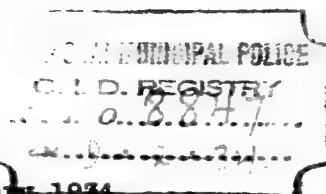
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CONSULAAT-GENERAAL DER NEDERLANDEN  
VOOR MIDDEN-CHINA.  
TEL. AD. HOLLANDIA.

No. 404.

SHANGHAI.

7th February 1934.



Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the Netherlands Consul-General at Singapore has refused a visé for admission into Netherlands India to Adolfo CARPI, an opera singer, of Italian nationality.

In February 1931 I had reported that this person lived at No. 1 Canton Road together with one M.A. Lourie(t)-Ettingoff, a Soviet agent who tried to induce Carpi to engage red artists for the opera company of which at that time he was director. Furthermore in November and December 1930 Carpi had interviews with Rover, an agent of the Comintern, and with Hamilton, a Soviet-impresario.

It appears that since that time Carpi has severed his connections with Shanghai, where he is reported to have abandoned his wife, who is said to be an assistant in Dr. Noll's Hospital, 1856 Ave. Joffre.

However, in case anything should be known locally about further communistic activities on his part, I should be very grateful to be informed.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Chinese Secretary.

T.P. Givens, Esquire,

Officer i/o Special Branch,

Shanghai Municipal Police,

SHANGHAI.

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for attention  
JR

M. Lanson  
9/2/34

Further expenses are entailed by artistes' and orchestra's salaries, wardrobe (which is an extensive one), advertising

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Made by .....

Forwarded by .....

and various sundry items. It is thus not difficult to appreciate that whatever Carpi's other aims are, his present operative endeavour can hardly be termed a financial success.

Mr. Skuse, Chief Tidesurveyor of the Chinese Maritime Customs, who stated that Carpi is definitely known to be a morphine smuggler, informed me that the wardrobe and scenery was very carefully and systematically searched when the company arrived. No contraband however, was discovered, although the persons of the members of the company were not searched.

Further enquiries are being made in this connection and should anything of note come to light, a report will be submitted.

*W. Pitts*

D.P.S.

Officer i/c Special Branch.

*Db (6 p.m.),  
Information and favour  
of return in connection with further  
inquiries now being made.*

CONFIDENTIAL

Supt. i/c Sec. C. 1.

*See.  
Inspk Poff K.I.V.  
Return to A.C. (Sp. Br.)*

*W. Eniers*  
O. i/c Sp. Br.  
OCT. 24 1932

*See, with very  
many thanks  
R. En.  
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North China Daily News, October 14, 1932.

File I.O. 8847.

## ARRIVAL OF OPERA

### Russian Troupe from Harbin, Tientsin

Carpi's Light Opera Company, 100 strong, arrived here yesterday morning in the str. Shengking and are booked to open at the Embassy on Tuesday in "Columbine," which, according to northern reports, had a splendid success there.

In the company are 60 artistes, while the ballet is directed by M. Setoff, with O. P. Mangeley the star. An orchestra of 18 pieces, which may be augmented locally, is conducted by D. I. Geigner. It is reported that the company have brought all scenery, costumes, and lighting effects from the north.

Their first week's programme includes, in addition to "Columbine," Lehar's "Merry Widow" on Wednesday, "Goddess of Fire" on Thursday, and "Secrets of a Harem" on Friday.

Officer i/c Special Branch .....

Sir,

Information.

*DBR 14/10 to Dir.*  
D.P.S.

*S.I.S. 7.10. DBR 14/10 S2, Please report again in case anything suspicious comes to light. 14:10:32*

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

REPORT

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE  
C. I. D. REGISTRY  
Special Branch 8843 Station

Date August 9, 1932.

Subject (in full) Adolfo Carri and Francesco Contini.

Made by D.S. Moore.

Forwarded by

*W.B. Moore*

*JR*

Conte Giorgio del Bono, acting Consul-General for Italy was interviewed during the morning of August 9, 1932 and shown the attached file containing the results of investigations made by D.P.S. Pitts concerning the two above named Italian suspects and a watch maintained on their movements between June 20 and June 24, 1932. Mr. del Bono expressed the opinion that it would be advisable to discontinue the present enquiries but requested that the Police bear in mind the names of the two named persons.

*W.B. Moore*  
D. S.

Officer i/c Special Branch.



SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

REPORT

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE  
File No. \_\_\_\_\_  
D. REGISTRY  
Station,  
Date August 19 1932

Subject (in full) Report of likelihood of Adolfo CARPI and Francesco CONTINI.

Made by S. A. Lids.

Forwarded by

2 B. M. S.

With reference to the endorsement of the Officer i/c Special Branch on the attached report, I have to state that diligent and exhaustive enquiries over a lengthy period have failed to ascertain the means whereby CARPI and CONTINI derive their livelihood.

In view of the discreet nature of the enquiry, and bearing in mind the 'clannish' attitude that has been met with in dealings with members of the local members of the Italian community, it was deemed advisable to discontinue investigations in order that no imbrication of the enquiry might reach the ears of the people under discussion.

It would appear that CARPI, who is styled by CARPI, is a small fry in the latter's affairs. It is said that both CARPI and CONTINI gamble very heavily in Shanghai, but the location of the haunts that they frequent cannot be ascertained. It is also reported that CARPI's various efforts in the operatic and revue worlds merely serve as cloaks for purposes identified with the smuggling of arms and drugs, but unfortunately, this information cannot be confirmed.

This matter will be born in mind and further enquiries will be made, and in the event of any reliable information coming to light, another report will be immediately submitted.

D. P. S.

Officer i/c Special Branch.

S2. Please come here we re  
this matter.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

Special Branch S. 2, Section

Date June 30, 1933.

Subject (in full) Watch maintained at 1 Canton Road ..... residence of  
Adolfo CARPI and Francesco CONTINI.

Made by D.P.S. Pitts.

Forwarded by *[Signature]*

I attach herewith memoranda on the watch maintained on the movements of CARPI and CONTINI which terminated on June 24 in accordance with your instructions.

It has been ascertained that Adolfo CARPI rents unfurnished, Flat C, Union Building, 1 Canton Road, at £275 per month. He, his wife, Francesco CONTINI, and one U. AZZARETTI, manager of F. Venturi, Provision and Wine Merchant, 116 Szechuen Road, reside in this flat.

Further, two rooms having a separate entrance, are sub-let to Dr. Kurt Noll, a local physician of good standing, who uses them as a consultation office.

AZZARETTI is an old China hand, and is said to have resided locally for over 25 years; according to unimpeachable information, he is a person of good standing and morals, being very well known among the Italian community here.

*[Signature]*

D. P. S.

Officer i/c Special Branch.

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Please endeavor ascertain discreetly the means of livelihood of Carpi and Bontini.

D.P.S. Pitts

*[Signature]*

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*[Signature]* 1/7/32

Watch maintained at 1 Canton Road in connection with  
CARPI and CONTINI

June 19, 1932.

Nobody of any importance was seen to enter or leave the premises.

June 20, 1932.

At 10.50 a.m. CARPI and CONTINI were seen to leave the premises of the Auction Rooms of L. Moore and Co., 11 Kiangse Road, where they remained for about 10 minutes. Leaving, they made their way to the American Express Co., 15 Kiangse Road. CARPI entered the premises whilst CONTINI remained outside. Some minutes later CARPI came out and with CONTINI proceeded to Kiangse and Kiangse Roads corner where the former was seen to hand the latter some money. Parting company at about 10.10 a.m. CONTINI made his way by bus to the Karhu Hotel, 939 Bubbling Well Road. At 11 a.m. he returned to the Central District and made his way to the Auction Rooms of L. Moore and Co., Kiangse Road where he met CARPI again. They then boarded a western bound bus which moved too quickly for the agent to follow. At 3 p.m. CARPI returned to 1 Canton Road and remained on the premises until 9.20 p.m. when, accompanied by his wife, he made his way along the Road to the Pond Gardens; retracing their steps, a halt was called at the Cinderella Restaurant, Szechuen Road which they entered and remained in until 11.50 p.m. Leaving here, they walked to 1 Canton Road and were not seen out again by 12.30 a.m. when the watch was terminated.

June 21, 1932.

At 9.45 a.m. CARPI and CONTINI were seen to leave 1 Canton Road when they made their way to the Auction Rooms of L. Moore and Co., 11 Kiangse Road where they remained for about 10 minutes. Leaving, they made their way to the American Express Co., 15 Kiangse Road. CARPI entered the premises whilst CONTINI remained outside. Some minutes later CARPI came out and with CONTINI proceeded to Kiangse and Kiangse Roads corner where the former was seen to hand the latter some money.

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At 11.30 a.m. CARPI made his way by bicycle to 36 Jindree Road where he remained until 11.10 a.m. He then proceeded on foot to 116 Szechuen Road (F. Venturi & Co.) where he stayed until 2.70 p.m. when he left and made his way by bicycle to 452 Kiangse Road. He returned to 1 Canton Road at 3.15 p.m. and was not seen to leave the premises again up till midnight when the watch was terminated.

June 22, 1932.

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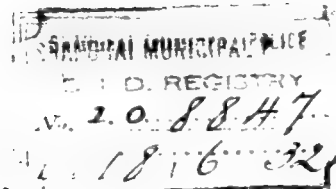
June 24, 1932.

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At 10.30 a.m. CARPI made his way to the Post Office at 71 Rue du Consulat, where he purchased a quantity of postage stamps. Leaving, he slowly made his way to the Chocolate Shop on Nanking Road. He left there at 11.40 a.m. and walked to F. Venturi & Co., 116 Szechuen Road and was seen talking with Azzaretti for about 20 minutes, after which he returned to Canton Road which he reached at 12.25 p.m.

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He remained inside the premises until 3.30 p.m. when he again made his way to 116 Szechuen Road. Here the agent lost sight of him and he was next seen to leave Canton Road at 9.10 p.m. when he made his way to Thacherko's Cafe, Avenue Joffre. He remained here until 11.30 p.m. when he returned to Canton Road. The watch was then terminated.



Special Branch,

June 17, 1932.

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Although these men have done no legitimate work for three years, they are living up to the standard of people drawing Tls 1,000.00 per month, and make frequent trips to other parts of the Far East, usually travelling 1st Class. While on a trip recently to Italy, Contini came under suspicion of being connected with the III International.

The Italian Consulate requests that a discreet watch be maintained over their residences and movements for a few weeks. Please arrange to have this done and result reported.

Officer i/c Special Branch.

D. R. Pitts:

Please comply, use the "new" agent  
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FRANCESCO CONTINI, Italian

I Canton Rd.-He arrived in Shanghai about six years ago as a chorus singer in the Italian Opera Company under the management of Mr. Adolfo Carpi, Italian.

During the last three years, after the disbandment of the Opera Company, he has had no fixed job. Nominally, he is a Secretary to his former impresario, A. Carpi.

He is married to a Russian woman and speaks Russian.

He went to Italy few months ago and came back to Shanghai two months ago.

ADOLFO CARPI, Italian

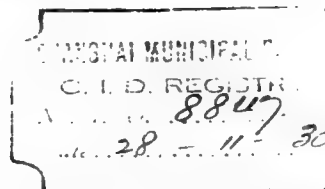
I Canton Rd.-Impresario.-During the last three years he has not done any kind of work. He is never permanently in Shanghai, as he travels a lot, going to North China, Harbin, Japan etc. etc.

Three years ago the French Police gave a confidential information to the Italian Consulate General that Mr. A. Carpi was probably acting as an agent for the Bolsheviks. A search was made at his house without any result.

Mr. A. Carpi has resided many years in Russia and speaks excellent Russian.

CONSULAAT-GENERAAL DER NEDERLANDEN  
VOOR MIDDEN-CHINA.  
TEL. AD. HOLLANDIA.

CONFIDENTIAL



No. 3716.

SHANGHAI.

28th November 1930.

Sir,

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 1.0. 3847 dated the 26th instant regarding A. Corpi and M. A. Lourie-Etingoff and to thank you for the information contained therein.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely belonging to the Chinese Secretary.

Chinese Secretary.

R. C. Aiers, Esquire,

Deputy Commissioner of Police,

Crime & Special Branches,

SHANGHAI.

8847  
25-11-30

C O N F I D E N T I A L

November 26, 30.

Sir,

*\* See file*  
A. Carpi and L. A. Lourie-Stingoff

I have the honour to refer to your letter No. 3499, dated November 11, 1930, and to state that there is nothing in the records of the Municipal Police against A. Carpi or any member of the cast in 1929 of Carpi's Opera Company.

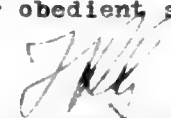
However, enquiries show that Carpi has been sharing an apartment at No. 1 Canton Road since April 1929 with one L. A. Lourie-Stingoff. The latter is known to be an enthusiastic Soviet worker, and it is more than likely that he has used his influence with Carpi to find employment under the latter for "Red" singers and dancers.

It is reported that Carpi is at present organizing a Musical Revue Company with which he will tour Manila and Java in the near future. The Musical Revue Company will consist of sixteen members, but the names of these are not yet available.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

  
Officer-in-Charge  
( Special Branch )

The Consul-General for the Netherlands,  
Shanghai.

File No. ....

**SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.**

Special Branch No. 2. Station,

**REPORT**

Date November 21, 1930.

Subject (in full) Report on A. Carpi and members of his Opera Company.

Made by D.S. Prokofiev.

Forwarded by *M. L. M. L.*

Sir,

With reference to the attached letter of November 11, 1930 from the Consulate General for the Netherlands concerning A. Carpi and the members of his Opera Company, enquiries show that there is no evidence available regarding the alleged relations between Carpi and Communist agents, except the fact that M.A. Lourie-Ettingoff, a well known Soviet Agent, has resided at Carpi's house, 1 Canton Road, since April 1929.

A report is on record that Carpi and Lourie-Ettingoff met about 12 or 13 years ago in Harbin where they were engaged in some business the exact nature of which was not established.

Enquiries have failed to establish the existence of any relations of a political character between Carpi and Lourie-Ettingoff, but it is believed that some of the Soviet agents may be introduced by the latter into Carpi's troupe under the guise of singers, dancers etc.

It is reported that Carpi is at present organising a Musical Revue Company which will consist of 16 members and with which he intends to go to Manila and Java in the near future. The list of members of that company is not yet definitely known.

There is nothing in Municipal Police records to the detriment of any of the members of Carpi's Opera Company of 1929.

*A. Prokofiev*  
D. S. 9

D. C. (C. & S. Branches)

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-IAT-GENERAAL DER NEDERLANDEN  
VOOR MIDDEN-CHINA.  
TEL. AD. HOLLANDIA.

No. 3499.

SHANGHAI, 11th November 1930.

Sir,

I should be much obliged to receive some information as to the antecedents of Mr. A. Carpi, and the members of his troupe (Italian Opera), who visited Netherlands East India in July 1923, June 1929 and December 1929. It appears that Carpi is suspected of relations with communist agents and the authorities at Weltevreden would welcome any information concerning him and the members of his company.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

  
for Consul-General.

R.C. Aiers, Esquire,  
Deputy Commissioner of Police,  
Crime & Special Branches,  
SHANGHAI.

20.  
For inquiry and report  
please.

My

12:11:20

RECEIVED  
C.I.D. REGISTRY

I.O. 8847

20.7.29

July 20, 9

I.O. 8847.

Dear Colonel.


With reference to your letter of July 11, 1929, inquiries show that there is nothing in Police records concerning the following members of the Carpi Opera Coy:

1. A.L.M. Brodsky
2. B.J. Sirelvashin
3. T. Stenk
4. N. Gromova
5. E. Koroh
6. A. Tatavikoff
7. K.J. Glise
8. A.L. Pokrop
9. I. Ony
10. F. Kouversin (and a Pole Israel Nuks)

Of the above, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, and 10 have been members of the Carpi Opera Coy for sometime and formed the subject of a report (No. I.O. 8847) sent to E.W. Jeffery, Esq., H.B.M. Consulate-General on 12.4.29.

Yours sincerely,

*Lee.*

  
Lieut. Col. G.H.R. Holland, O.B.E.,  
North China Command.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

Foreign Section. Station,

Date July 19, 1929

Subject (in full) Members of the Carpi Opera Co.

Made by

D. S. Maklaevsky.

Forwarded by

Thos Robertson C.D.I.

Sir,

With reference to the attached letter from Col. Halland of July 11, 1929, inquiries show that there is nothing in Police Records concerning the following members of the Carpi Opera Coy:

1. A.L.M. Brodsky
2. B.J. Sirolvashin
3. T. Stenk
4. N. Gromova
5. E. Korch
6. A. Talavikoff
7. K.J. Glise
8. A.L. Pokrop
9. I. Ony
10. F. Kouversin (and a Pole Israel Nuks)

Of the above, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, and 10 have been members of the Carpi Opera Coy for some time and were reported as such in a memo. No. I. O. 8847 of 12.4.29 addressed to E. W. Jeffery Esq., H.B.M. Consulate General.

D. S. Maklaevsky.  
D. S.

C. I. D. Reg.

Please prepare a copy as below.

J. H. S. 20/7/29

A/ D. C. I.

MR. 1939  
20:7:29

SECRET

H. B. M. Consulate-General,

Shanghai.

11th. July, 1929.

My dear Aiers,

Carpi, the manager of the Italian Opera Company at present in Singapore, has applied for visas for India for the following ten Russian members of his troupe:-

- ✕ 1. A.L.M. Brodsky
- ✕ 2. B.J. Sirolvashin
- ✓ 3. T. Stenk
- 4. N. Gromova
- 5. E. Korch
- 6. A. Talavikoff
- ✓ 7. K.J. Glise
- ✓ 8. A.L. Pokrop
- 9. I. Ony
- ✕ 10. F. Kouversinj (and a Pole  
Israel Fuks)

Would you kindly let me know whether you have any information against any of these individuals and whether you have any reason to suspect that any of them is connected with Bolshevik activities or other hostile organisations.

Yours sincerely,

R. C. Aiers, Esq.,

Assistant Commissioner of Police,

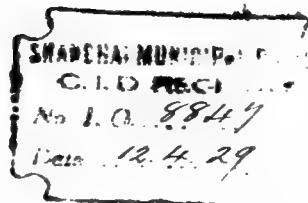
Criminal Investigation Department,

Shanghai Municipal Police,

SHANGHAI.

*C. H. H. Hall.*

*For Sec.  
J.R.*



April 12, 1929

Sir,

With reference to your memo of April 12,  
I have to inform you that there is nothing in  
police records regarding the following members  
of the Garpi Opera Co.,:

Mr. J. Navatskaya  
Mr. J. J. Gregory ✓  
Mr. J. J. Arkovashin ✓  
Mr. J. J. J. J. J. ✓  
Mr. J. J. J. J. ✓  
Miss J. J. J. J. J. ✓  
Mrs. J. J. J. J. J. ✓

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Director of Criminal Investigation.

J. J. Jeffery Esq.,

U.S.A. Consulate General.

## MEMORANDUM.

URGENT.

*Secy*  
*For Mr. [unclear]*

Passport Office

H.B.M. CONSULATE-GENERAL

To

Act. D.C.I.

SHANGHAI

12th April 1929S. M. Police

Chinese Shanghai Pps Mr. M. Navatzkaya, no 81  
of 22nd Feb. 1929.

19th Feb. 1929.

Mr. A. L. M. Brodsky, no 78 of

19th Feb. 1929.

<sup>Boris</sup>  
Mr. I. Sirokvashin, no 74 of

3rd Dec. 1928.

Mr. F. Kouversin, no 2997 of

*File No.*

**(C.I.D.) Office Notes**

April, 12, 1944

4/D. I.

There is nothing in police records concerning any of the persons mentioned in the attached memo from Mr. E.W. Jeffery, who are not otherwise known to the staff of the Foreign Section.

*H. Robertson*  
D. I.

CONSULAAT-GENERAAL DER NEDERLANDEN  
VOOR MIDDEN-CHINA.

No. 715.

SHANGHAI. 6-3-1929.

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt  
of your No. I.O. 8247 dated the 4th instant  
regarding Mrs. Maria Henkina and to  
thank you for the information contained  
therein.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Consul General.

The Acting Director  
of Criminal Investigation,

S.M.P.,

SHANGHAI.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
C.I.D. REGISTRY
No I.O. 2847
Date 5.3.29

March 4th, 9

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your letters,  
Ref. Nos. 653 and 679 dated February 28 and March 4,  
respectively regarding Mrs. Maria Henkina and in  
reply to inform you that there is nothing in Police  
records concerning the lady in question.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



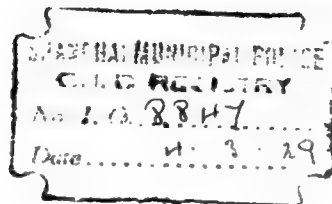
Acting Director of Criminal Investigation.

The Consul-General for the Netherlands,  
Shanghai.

CONSULAAT-GENERAL DER NEDERLANDEN  
VOOR MIDDEN-CHINA.  
TEL. AD. HOLLANDIA.

*No. 672*

SHANGHAI.



The Netherlands Consulate General requests the  
Director of Criminal Investigation kindly to substitute  
for Mrs Henkina's address, in the letter of February 28th  
No. 653 : 108 Route Vallon, Apartment 4 .

Shanghai, 4th March 1929.

The Director of Criminal Investigation,

S.M.P.,

SHANGHAI.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

CENTRAL I.B. ~~Station~~

Date March 4, 1929

Subject (in full). Mrs. Marija Henkina.

Made by

P.C.S. Maklaevsky

Forwarded by

With reference to the attached letter No. 653,  
dated February 28, 1929, from the Consul-General for the  
Netherlands, I have to report that there is nothing in  
police records concerning Mrs. Maria Henkina.

B. Maklaevsky.

P. C. S.

H.R.  
D.I. 4<sup>3</sup>  
D.C.I.

C. I. D. Reg.

Please prepare the usual reply  
for the signature of the A/D.C.I.  
In drafting reply it will be necessary  
to make reference to both the  
communications received from the  
Dutch Consul.

J.M.  
4/7/29

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
C. I. D. REGISTRY
No. I. A. 8847
Date 1.3.29

March 1st, 9

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 653 dated 28th February 1929 regarding Mrs. Maria Henkina and to inform you that the matter is receiving attention.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

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Acting Director of Criminal Investigation.

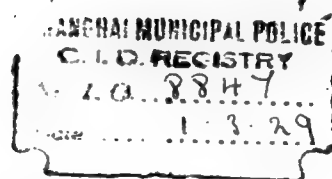
*for Sec*

*Please make the usual  
office inquiries and submit  
the report in the form in which  
the reply is usually sent*

The Consul-General for Netherlands,  
Shanghai.

CONSULAAT-GENERAL DER NEDERLANDEN  
VOOR MIDDEN-CHINA.  
TEL. AD. HOLLANDIA.

No. 653.



SH. CHAI. 13th February 1929.

Sir,

Mrs. Maria DEBILITA (Amsterdam, widow of Mr. J. van der Velt, born at Ekaterinburg on 13th September 1896, residing at No. 109 Seymour Road, Shanghai, an over-lander, desires to proceed to Java, where she wishes to join Mr. Cornille's overn.

I should feel greatly obliged if you would kindly find out whether anyt ing is known from a point of view of politics or of morals against this lady.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*H. J. van der Velt*

Consul-General.

The Director of Criminal Investigation,

S.M.P.,

SHANGHAI.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

REPORT

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE  
C.I.D. REGISTRY  
File No. 882  
Date January 1, 1929

Subject (in full) ...

Made by

J. J. King/304

Forwarded by

J. K. Givens H. B. Mc

From reference ... and other inquiries show that the troupe of Russian dancers, who arrived here on January 2, 1929, by the S.S. "Korea" from Manila and Hongkong, consists of the following persons:

Mr. and Mrs. Beroff, both Soviet subjects. Resided at 19, Gracey Terrace. Left for Harbin on January 17, 1929 by the S.S. "Korea" ship.

Mr. Mensky, Russian artist, Soviet subject. Resided at 31 Gracey Terrace.

Miss ... ballet dancer. White Russian. Resided at 15 ... Terrace. Left for Manila in the "President Grant" on January 16, 1929.

Miss ... ballet dancer. White Russian. Resided at 131 ... Road. Left for Manila on January 16, 1929, in the "President Grant".

This troupe of dancers was organized in Shanghai by Mr. Harpi, at present in Manila, in December 1928 to tour Manila and Hongkong.

B. Makharshuf

P. C. D.

D.C.I.

Copies to Col Hallam & Campbell  
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18/1

SHANGHAI MERCURY, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1929

A troupe of Russian dancers  
arrived here on the steamer  
Morea.

P. C. S. Makhlacsky.

Inquiries as to who these  
people are.

H. Robertson  
Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> 1929.

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### ITALIAN GRAND OPERA COMPANY

Mr. ~~Adamo~~ ~~Adamo~~ well-known impresario, has organized a new Italian Opera company for the 1929 season. The company has already left Milan bound for Manila where the season will commence early in January and from Manila the opera will play at Hongkong and then to Shanghai, arriving here about the beginning of February.

The company, we are told, has acquired some very excellent artists who have been loudly acclaimed both by press and public in Europe. Mr. ~~Adamo~~ has spared no pains and expense in making the new company one of the best to visit the Orient. Money and costumes costing over \$50,000 have been provided for the new organization.

After the conclusion of their Shanghai season the company will go to Tokyo to fulfil a three months' engagement at the Imperial Theatre. It is nearly two years since Shanghai was visited by an opera company and the return of Mr. ~~Adamo~~ and his colleagues should be welcomed.

### Italian Grand Opera Company

Mr. Adolfo Carpi, well known impresario, has organized a new Italian opera company for the 1929 season. The company has already left Milan bound for Manila, where the season will commence early in January, and from Manila the Opera will play at Hongkong and then Shanghai, arriving here early in February. Mr. Carpi has acquired some excellent singers who



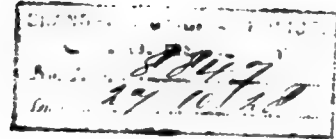
MR. ADOLFO CARPI

have been loudly acclaimed both by press and public in all the principal continental ports. No pains have been spared to make the new Opera one of the best to visit the Orient. Over \$50,000 has been spent on new scenery and costumes specially supplied by Italian concerns.

After the conclusion of the Shanghai season the Opera proceeds to Tokyo to fulfil a three months' engagement with the Imperial Theatre. It is nearly two years since Shanghai was visited by an Opera Company. Music lovers will, therefore, appreciate Mr. Carpi's efforts in this direction.

C. I. D. Reg.  
If you have a  
file re Carpi,  
please attach it.  
If not, please keep.  
J. H.

(P. 331.)



No. C.I.D. 1551/1928.

RECEIVED AND FORWARDED  
TO THE DIRECTOR OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION  
HONG KONG

Criminal Investigation Department,  
POLICE HEADQUARTERS,  
HONG KONG.

18th October, 1928.

Sir,


I.C. 3847. Parisian Revue Company.

I have the honour to acknowledge with thanks,  
the receipt of your letter dated the 10th Instant,  
the contents of which have been noted.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

  
Director of Criminal Intelligence.  
~~Captain Superintendent of Police~~

The Director of Criminal Investigation,  
Shanghai Municipal Police,  
Shanghai.



October 10, 3

XXXXXXXXXX  
Investigation.

Sir,

In reference to your letter of September 27, 1928, No. C.I.D. 1551/1928, re: Parisian Revue Company, I have the honour to inform you that there is nothing known to the C.I.D. of the Shanghai Municipal Police detrimental to the members of this company.

Of the members of the Parisian Revue Company mentioned in your letter, only three were members of the original company, which performed in Shanghai. They are Mr. A. Carpi, Manager, Mr. B.A. Beroff and Mrs. Mangeli.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely belonging to the Director of Criminal Investigation.

Director of Criminal Investigation.

Director of Criminal Intelligence,

Hongkong Police.

(C.I.D.) Office Notes

File No:

G. J. H. 44  
October 9, 1928

C.I.

The following note is suggested in answer to the attached letter from Director of Criminal Intelligence of Hongkong Police dated Sept. 27, 1928.

V. V. Kinninoff  
S. S.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of September 27, 1928 M. 1551/28 re Parisian Revue Company. I have the honour to inform you that there is nothing of a detrimental nature known to the C.I.D. of the Shanghai Municipal Police <sup>detrimental to</sup> regarding the members of this Company.

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I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant

*[Signature]*

Director of Criminal Investigation

The Director of Criminal Intelligence  
Hongkong Police etc. etc.

10. 1. 9. x x x

Let the members of the Parisian Revue Co mentioned in letter from Hongkong Police only those were members of original Company which performed in Shanghai. They are, Mr. A. Carpi, Manager, who is a Swiss & Swiss manager, Whampoa 9 1/2.

*[Signature]*

Gaynell



G.  R.

No. C.I.D. 1551/1928.  
NUMBER AND DATE SHOULD  
BE QUOTED IN REFERENCE  
TO THIS LETTER.

**POLICE HEADQUARTERS,  
HONG KONG.**

CONFIDENTIAL

27th September, 1928.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose herewith list of members of the "Parisian Revue Company" which passed through Hong Kong on the 24th Instant en route from Shanghai to Manila on the S.S. Empress of Canada.


Mr. A. CARPI, the proprietor of the Company, has applied for passport facilities to enable his Company to perform in Hong Kong, and I shall be obliged if you will be good enough to inform me if anything is known to your Department regarding the members of the Parisian Revue Company.

*Tom See  
Encl report  
please file  
8/10*

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

  
Director of Criminal Intelligence.

The Director of Criminal Investigation,  
Shanghai Municipal Police,  
Shanghai.

PARISIAN REVUE COMPANY.

1. A. CARPI, Italian, proprietor.
2. CHARLES HUGO, U.S.A. of Sturgis, Michigan, U.S.A., born 12-12-1883. U.S.A. passport No. 6 issued Hong Kong, 3-12-26. Manager.
3. Mr. UMBERTO CONTINI, Italian, Italian passport.
4. Mrs. " " " " "
5. Mrs. ADELAIDE ELIZABETH CHAILLET, 32, French born at Batoum, Caucasus, French passport No. 285 issued Harbin 6-5-22.
6. Miss. A. GANIN, - Russian born at Harbin 1911, Chinese passport No. 2706 issued Shanghai 29-8-28.
7. Miss M. GANIN, - Russian born at Harbin 1910, Chinese passport No. 2707 issued at Shanghai 29-8-28.
8. Mr. G. RING LENSKE, - Russian born at Omsk, 1889, Chinese passport No. 2705 issued at Shanghai 29-8-28.
9. Miss E.M. SKAVORTZOVA, Russian born at Vladivostok 10-11-1907, Chinese passport No. 1821 issued at Shanghai 8-5-28.
10. Mr. B.A. SEROFF, - Soviet citizen born at Odessa 14-12-1898, Chinese passport No. 165 issued at Shanghai 4-9-28.
11. Mrs. O.P. MANELLI, - Soviet citizen born at Odessa 30-12-1903, Chinese passport No. 166 issued at Shanghai 4-9-28.
12. Mr. P. JUSTOMESOFF, - Russian born at Samara 19-3-1897, Chinese passport No. 2757 issued at Shanghai 12-9-28.
13. Miss. A. NEDLER, - Russian born at Vladivostok 1911, Chinese passport No. 2718 issued at Shanghai 1-9-28.
14. Miss. A. TALAVIKOFF, Russian born at Harbarovsk 20-12-1896, Chinese passport No. 2734 issued at Shanghai 5-9-28.
15. Mrs. E. KORCH, - Russian born at Yuriev 18-1-1887, Chinese passport No. 2737 issued at Shanghai 6-9-28.

CARPI, Adolfo

Italian Impressario. Arrived in Shanghai during 1926.  
Visited Italy during 1932 and there came under suspicion  
of being connected with the ILL International.  
Suspected of smuggling arms and drugs.

In April 1929 shared apt. at No. 1 Canton Road with  
M. A. LOURIE-ETINGOFF.

SMP: No. I.O. 8847  
18 August 1938